

REMARKS

Claims 17-34 remain present in this application.

Claim 29 has been amended. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 17-28 are allowable over the art of record. Applicants also gratefully acknowledge that claim 29 is considered to be allowable if the 35 USC 112, second paragraph were overcome, and also that claims 30-34 are allowable.

Claims 29-34 stand rejected under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

The Examiner alleges that structural cooperative relationships are omitted from claim 29. As such, claim 29 has been amended. This claim should be supported by the original disclosure and provide the requested structural interrelationships. As such, the 35 USC 112, second paragraph rejection should now be overcome. Reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

In the event the Examiner does not consider this application to be in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that this Amendment be entered for the purposes of Appeal. This Amendment should overcome the current grounds of rejection and therefore simplify the issues for Appeal. Nonetheless, it should be unnecessary to proceed to Appeal because the instant application should now be in condition for allowance.

If is further submitted that the instant amendment should not raise new issues, since claim 29 is merely being clarified. The Examiner has noted that this claim is allowable if the rejection

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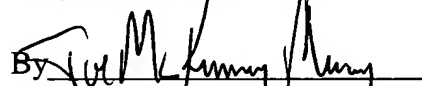
were overcome. It is respectfully submitted that all claims in the instant application should be in condition for allowance.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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